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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR JEEVIKA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with the World Bank for a rural livelihood project in Bihar named 'JEEVIKA';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plans have been formulated to utilise such assistance for 'JEEVIKA' projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to introduce such scheme in other States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. "Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project" has been signed with the World Bank on 9th August, 2007 for an IDA credit amounting to Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 41.4 million or about US$ 63 million. The objective of the project is to enhance social and economic empowerment of the rural poor in Bihar. The credit amount will be utilized for social, economic and infrastructure activities including group based income generating activities, small infrastructure investments, including access to public services and improving skills and organization.

(e) & (f): The projects on rural livelihoods already under implementation with World Bank assistance are in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Similar projects for the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh (Phase − II) have been sent to the World Bank for consideration.